(b) if so, at what standard they will be introducing;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that not only in other parts of the country but even in Delhi, most of the CBSE recognized schools don't have all the core subjects for study so that students could not opt for their favourite subjects for study;

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the action being taken by Government to ensure proper introduction of new vocational subjects in the curriculum in all schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (b) yes, Sir. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is introducing Financial Market Management at Senior Secondary Level (+ 2 level) during the academic year 2007-08.

(c) and (d) As per National Curriculum Framework, 2005, all subjects are compulsory upto class X. The students of classes XI and XII can choose any subject combination from a variety of subjects. The schools offer the subjects as per their requirement & resources

(e) It is for the concerned Examination Boards and schools to introduce new vocational subjects based on demand and subject to availability of resources.

Aiding Madarsas for modernisation

605. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Keeping in view of the Sachar Committee findings, the steps being initiated to aid Madarsas and to provide their modernization at the elementary and primary level under the SSA scheme;

(b) whether any survey and process of identification of out of school children of minority community has been initiated and if so, how many such pockets having large number of such children have been indentified; and

(c) the steps being taken to recruit and train a large number of Urdu teachers required for these re-structured Madarsas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme assists Madarsas and Makhtabs to introduce the formal curriculum, where there are children in the 6—14 years age group who are not attending formal schools. Towards this end, training is provided to instructors in the Madarsas/Makhtabs.

An independent survey conducted in the year 2005 by SRI-IMRB provided data on out of school children in the 6—14 years age group in the country. The survey revealed, *inter-alia*, that 9.97% of the total children in the 6—14 age group in the muslim community, were estimated to be out of school in July-August 2005. Concentration of such out of school children was found to be highest in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Wet Bengal.

Increase in seats in IIMs

606. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Management have agreed to increase seats in their post graduate course;

(b) if so, the details thereof, institute-wise;

(c) whether Government have issued the orders reserving 27 per cent seats in IIMs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) With the coming into force of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006, all the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have to provide for reservation of twenty-seven per cent seats for Other Backward Classes in IIMs in a phased manner in three years starting from the academic year 2007-08 in addition to already existing reservation of fifteen per cent of seats for Scheduled Castes and seven and one-half per cent for Scheduled Tribes. As per clause 5 (i) of the Act, the institutes shall ensure mandatory increase in the number of seats in a branch of study or